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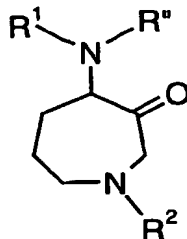
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(I)

(57) Abstract: This invention relates 4-amino-azepan-3-ones of formula (1) which are useful as protease inhibitors, particularly of cathepsin S, and as such are useful for preventing a number of diseases amongst which are atherosclerotic lesions and pulmonary diseases such as asthma and allergic reactions.

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